IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A service providing apparatus for providing a service to a plurality of information processing apparatuses, the service providing apparatus functioning as a shared server on a network, comprising:

storage means for storing a plurality of groups, a list of available content, and content;

reception means for receiving a group request to include a corresponding one of the plurality of information processing apparatuses in one of the plurality of groups, the group request selecting a respective one of the plurality of groups, the group request transmitted from any of the information processing apparatuses belonging to one of the plurality of groups, and for receiving a content request transmitted from any of the information processing apparatuses belonging to one of the plurality of groups, the content request including a selection from the list of available content;

acquisition means for acquiring data coordinated with the content request; and

communication means for transmitting the data acquired by said acquisition means simultaneously to all of those of the information processing apparatuses accessing the shared server and belonging to a same group.

Claim 2 (Previously Presented): The service providing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the data is music data, and the selection is particular music data.

Claim 3 (Previously Presented): The service providing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising transmission means for receiving text data transmitted from any of the information processing apparatuses accessing the shared server and transmitting the text data

to the at least one other information processing apparatus accessing the shared server and

belonging to the same group.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): A service providing method for a service providing

apparatus for providing a service to a plurality of information processing apparatuses

accessing a single shared server on a network, comprising:

a storage controlling step of controlling a plurality of groups, a list of available

content, and content;

a reception step of receiving a group request to include a corresponding one of the

plurality of information processing apparatuses in one of the plurality of groups, the group

request selecting a respective one of the plurality of groups, and for receiving a content

request transmitted from any of the information processing apparatuses belonging to one of

the plurality of groups, the content request including a selection from the list of available

content, the group request and the content request received by the single shared server;

an acquisition step of acquiring data coordinated with the content request to the single

shared server; and

a communication step of transmitting the data acquired by the acquisition step

simultaneously from the single shared server to all of those of the information processing

apparatuses accessing the single shared server and belonging to a same group.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): A program storage medium on which a computer-

readable program for providing a service to a plurality of information processing apparatuses

accessing a shared server on a network is stored, the program comprising:

a storage controlling step of controlling a plurality of groups, and content;

a reception step of receiving a group request to include a corresponding one of the plurality of information processing apparatuses in one of the plurality of groups, the group request selecting a respective one of the plurality of groups, the group request transmitted from any of the information processing apparatuses belonging to one of the plurality of groups, and for receiving a content request transmitted from any of the information processing apparatuses belonging to one of the plurality of groups, the content request including a selection from the list of available content;

an acquisition step of acquiring data coordinated with the content request; and

a communication step of transmitting the data acquired by the acquisition step simultaneously to all of those of the information processing apparatuses accessing the shared server and belonging to a same group.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): An information processing apparatus for accessing a service providing apparatus functioning as a shared server, which provides services on a network, together with other information processing apparatuses, comprising:

inputting means for inputting access information into a single window of a media player configured to access for accessing the service providing apparatus to select one of a plurality of groups;

display control means for controlling display of a list of available content transmitted from the service providing apparatus in the single window of the media player;

requesting means for selecting content from the list of available content in the single window of the media player and requesting the service providing apparatus for transmission of the selected content to said information processing apparatus belonging to one of the plurality of groups and all of the other information processing apparatuses accessing the

shared server belonging to a same group <u>by activating a command in the single window of</u>

<u>the media player</u>;

reception means for receiving data transmitted from the service providing apparatus to

all of the information processing apparatuses belonging to the same group; and

reproduction <u>control</u> means for reproducing the data.

Claim 7 (Previously Presented): The information processing apparatus according to

claim 6, wherein the list of available content is a table listing available music data provided

from the service providing apparatus, and the data is particular music data corresponding to

the selected content.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): An information processing method for an information

processing apparatus for accessing a service providing apparatus functioning as a <u>single</u>

shared server, which provides services on a network, together with other information

processing apparatuses, comprising:

an inputting step of inputting access information for accessing <u>a single shared server</u>

<u>of</u> the service providing apparatus to select one of a plurality of groups;

a display controlling step of controlling display of a list of available content

transmitted from <u>the single shared server of</u> the service providing apparatus;

a requesting step of selecting content from the list of available content and requesting

<u>the single shared server of</u> the service providing apparatus for transmission of the selected

content to said information processing apparatus belonging to one of the plurality of groups

and all of the other information processing apparatuses accessing the <u>single</u> shared server

belonging to a same group;

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a reception step of receiving data transmitted from <u>the single shared server of</u> the

service providing apparatus to all of the information processing apparatuses belonging to the

same group; and

a reproduction step of reproducing the data.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): A program storage medium on which a computer-

readable program for causing an information processing apparatus to access a service

providing apparatus functioning as a shared server, which provides services on a network,

together with other information processing apparatuses, the program comprising:

an inputting step of inputting access information for accessing the service providing

apparatus to select one of a plurality of groups <u>into a single window of a media player</u>

<u>configured to access the service providing apparatus</u>;

a display controlling step of controlling display of a list of available content

transmitted from the service providing apparatus <u>in the single window of the media player</u>;

a requesting step of selecting content from the list of available content <u>in the single</u>

<u>window of the media player</u> and requesting the service providing apparatus for transmission

of the selected content to said information processing apparatus belonging to one of the

plurality of groups and all of the other information processing apparatuses accessing the

shared server belonging to a same group <u>by activating a command in the single window of</u>

<u>the media player</u>;

a reception step of receiving data transmitted from the service providing apparatus to

all of the information processing apparatus belonging to the same group; and

a reproduction step of reproducing the data.

Claim 10 (New): The program storage medium according to claim 9, wherein the requesting step includes activating a command by activating a play button in the single window of the media player.

Claim 11 (New): The information processing apparatus according to claim 6, wherein the command is a play button in the single window of the media player.

Claim 12 (New): A service providing apparatus for providing a service to a plurality of information processing apparatuses, the service providing apparatus functioning as a shared server on a network, comprising:

a storage unit configured to store a plurality of groups, a list of available content, and content;

a receiving unit configured to receive a group request to include a corresponding one of the plurality of information processing apparatuses in one of the plurality of groups, the group request selecting a respective one of the plurality of groups, the group request transmitted from any of the information processing apparatuses belonging to one of the plurality of groups, and for receiving a content request transmitted from any of the information processing apparatuses belonging to one of the plurality of groups, the content request including a selection from the list of available content;

an acquisition unit configured to acquire data coordinated with the content request; and

a communication unit configured to transmit the data acquired by said acquisition unit simultaneously to all of those of the information processing apparatuses accessing the shared server and belonging to a same group.

Claim 13 (New): The service providing apparatus according to claim 12, wherein the data is music data, and the selection is particular music data.

Claim 14 (New): The service providing apparatus according to claim 12, further comprising a transmission unit configured to receive text data transmitted from any of the information processing apparatuses accessing the shared server and configured to transmit the text data to the at least one other information processing apparatus accessing the shared server and belonging to the same group.

Claim 15 (New): An information processing apparatus for accessing a service providing apparatus functioning as a shared server, which provides services on a network, together with other information processing apparatuses, comprising:

an input unit configured to input access information into a single window of a media player configured to access the service providing apparatus to select one of a plurality of groups;

a display control unit configured to control display of a list of available content transmitted from the service providing apparatus in the single window of the media player;

a requesting unit configured to select content from the list of available content in the single window of the media player and requesting the service providing apparatus for transmission of the selected content to said information processing apparatus belonging to one of the plurality of groups and all of the other information processing apparatuses accessing the shared server belonging to a same group by activating a command in the single window of the media player;

a reception unit configured to receive data transmitted from the service providing apparatus to all of the information processing apparatuses belonging to the same group; and

a reproduction control unit configured to reproduce the data.

Claim 16 (New): The information processing apparatus according to claim 15, wherein the list of available content is a table listing available music data provided from the service providing apparatus, and the data is particular music data corresponding to the selected content.

Claim 17 (New): The information processing apparatus according to claim 15, wherein the command is a play button in the single window of the media player.